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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - July 9, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Jose Pablo Rodriguez-Venegas was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable M. James Lorenz to serve 63 months in custody, based on Rodriguez-Venegas' conviction for being a deported alien found in the United States. Judge Lorenz also ordered that Rodriguez-Venegas serve a three-year term of supervised release following his release from prison.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Luella M. Caldito, who prosecuted the case, Rodriguez-Venegas pled guilty to the illegal re-entry offense on April 16, 2007. At that time, Rodriguez-Venegas admitted that on November 25, 2006, he was an alien, found within the Southern District of California after previously being removed from the United States to Mexico.

According to court documents, on November 25, 2006, a United States Border Patrol agent performing line watch duties found Rodriguez-Venegas and twelve other individuals attempting to conceal themselves in some brush approximately eighteen miles east of the Tecate, California Port of Entry and fifty

yards north of the United States/Mexico international border. Court records show that Rodriguez-Venegas is a citizen and national of Mexico and he previously had been deported from the United States and had a n extensive criminal history, including convictions in the Circuit Court of Washington County, Arkansas for delivery of a methamphetamine and possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver.

DEFENDANT

Case Number 06CR2643-L

Jose Pablo Rodriguez-Venegas

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) and (b) (Deported Alien Found In the United States)

INVESTIGATING AGENCY

United States Border Patrol